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SUBJECT: ENDRE GRANAT NOMINATION

1. RECEIVED CIES NOMINATION VIOLINIST ENDRE GRANAT FOR
ASSIGNMENT CONCERTMASTER SEOUL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA AND
TEACHING CHUNGANG UNIVERSITY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1975.

2. COMMISSION STRONGLY WISHES CONTINUE THIS PROJECT IN
MUSIC WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL INTERRUPTION PARTICULAR IN VIEW
AVAILABILITY OF MUSICIAN OF GRANAT STATURE. PROJECT BEGAN
WITH EDGAR AND MARGUERITE SCHENKMAN AND PRESENTLY CONTINUING
WITH ROBERT GROSS. RESPONSE FROM KOREAN MUSIC COMMUNITY
HIGHLY FAVORABLE.

3. GRANAT AVAILABILITY PERIOD UNCLEAR HOWEVER ASSUME TEN
OR ELEVEN MONTHS. COMMISSION PROPOSES FOLLOWING FINANCING:

A. TRAVEL: ORCHESTRA INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY ONEWAY
TRAVEL WITH COMMISSION PAYING RETURN TRAVEL FY 1976.

B. HOUSING PROVIDED BY COMMISSION

C. MONTHLY MAINTENANCE STIPEND FOR SIX MONTHS FROM
SEPTEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY WILL TOTAL LOCAL CURRENCY EQUIVA-
LENT OF 465 DOLLARS AT PRESENT EXCHANGE RATE. ORCHESTRA
WILL PAY ABOUT 165 DOLLARS AND CHUNGANG UNIVERSITY 300 DOLLARS
MONTHLY.

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D. SUGGEST AMEND AUTHORIZATION ON ONE MARCH 1976 TO SUPPLEMENT STIPEND FROM COMMISSION FY 1976 FUNDS FOR TOTAL MONTHLY MAINTENANCE STIPEND 1000 DOLLARS FROM MARCH THROUGH JUNE OR JULY. THIS WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD INFORMALLY AND COMMITMENT MADE IN REVISED AUTHORIZATION AT APPROPRIATE TIME IN FY 1976.

E. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND BFS CONSIDERATION ABOVE PLAN AND REACTION ASAP.

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